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For: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MALE-STERILE
PLANT BY LIGATING AN RNASE GENE TO
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 15, 2003, the due date for response having been extended three (3) months to July 15, 2003 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks and respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the current title in its entirety and replace therewith the following new title:

--A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MALE-STERILE PLANT BY LIGATING AN RNASE GENE TO ANTHER-SPECIFIC PROMOTERS--.

Please delete the current abstract in its entirety and replace therewith the new abstract attached hereto on a separate page.